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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMEE,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

25X1A

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS

INVOLVED

ITEM NO: 3 25X1A DATE: 27 FEB 74

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN CABINET RESIGNS

REF: [REDACTED]

ADDIS ABABA RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE CABINET, LED BY PRIME MINISTER AKLILU, HAD OFFERED ITS RESIGNATION AND THAT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE IS STUDYING THE MATTER. A MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE PROBABLY IS THE MINIMUM STEP NEEDED TO STOP THE SITUATION FROM DETERIORATING FURTHER. A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND HALT SPREADING UNREST IN THE ARMED FORCES.

2 EARLIER TODAY DISSIDENT TROOPS IN ASMARE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST MOST OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS SENT FROM ADDIS ABABA TO

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NEGOTIATE WITH THEM. THE DISSIDENTS DETAINED GENERAL ASSEFA AYENE, THE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF, AND FOUR OTHERS IN THE NEGOTIATING GROUP. THE TROOPS SENT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE'S AIDE-DE-CAMP BACK TO ADDIS ABABA WITH A MESSAGE REEMPHASIZING THEIR DEMANDS.

MEANWHILE, THE REVOLT HAS SPREAD OUTSIDE ERITREA. AIR FORCE AND ARMY UNITS IN THE OGADEN, NEAR THE SOMALI BORDER, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE JOINED THE STRIKE. THE TOWN OF DEBRE ZEIT, THE SITE OF ETHIOPIA'S MAIN AIRBASE NEAR ADDIS ABABA, HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN AIRBORNE BATTALION AND AIR FORCE ELEMENTS STATIONED AT THE AIRBASE. E-2 IMPDET.H

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